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**DECLARATION BY EVELYN STEER SETTING FORTH FACTS IN
CONNECTION WITH AN INVENTOR WHO WAS UNABLE TO BE
LOCATED TO SIGN THE DECLARATION**

This declaration is made as to the exact facts that are relied upon to establish the diligent effort made to secure the execution of the declaration by the inventor refusing to join in the above-identified patent application before deposit thereof in the Patent and Trademark Office.

This declaration is being made by the available person having knowledge of the facts recited therein.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF PERSON MAKING THIS DECLARATION OF FACTS

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II. LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE OMITTED INVENTOR

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III. DETAILS OF ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE INVENTOR TO SIGN APPLICATION PAPERS

- (1) On November 4, 2003, I mailed a letter to David Edward Evans' last known address, along with a copy of the application, declaration, and assignment for his signature. No response was received.
- (2) On December 22, 2005, I attempted to contact Mr. Evans' via email to his last known email address. No Response was received.
- (3) On January 16, 2006, I mailed correspondence to Mr. Evans at his last known address. No response was received.
- (4) On March 2, 2006, at my request, an attempt was made to contact him through an old colleague who responded that he had no contact with Mr. Evans.
- (5) During the week of January 8, 2007, I sent via courier a copy of the application, declaration and assignment to the last known address of Mr. Evans. The confirmation papers accompanying the papers were signed by someone other than Mr. Evans. No Response has been received from Mr. Evans.
- (6) A copy of the correspondence and email attempts to locate Mr. Evans are attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable to fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: January 25, 2007



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Signature of declarant